

Waggin' Tales

"A well trained dog is a happy dog"

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WHO'S NEWS? LEGS AND BRAGS

From Tim and Anne White:

Candlewood's Ribbonquest, WC (Peggy) earned her first JH leg at Badger Golden Retriever Club on Aug. 17, 1997.

Peggy earned her second JH leg at Winnebago Labrador Retriever Club on Sept. 6, 1997

From the Editor:

India earned her first 10 U-ATCH points on Sept. 13, 1997 at Smack Dab with a perfect 200 and a second place.

From Marietta Huber:

USDAA Agility:

Fun on the Run 5/3 & 5/4

Squiggles:

Master Gamblers-1st place,
Gamblers Master Title

Milwaukee Dog Training Club
5/10 & 5/11

Rainbow:

Master Pairs Relay - Pairs Relay
Master Title

Master Jumpers - Jumpers Master
Title

Master Gamblers - 3rd place

Masters Snooker - qualified

Squiggles:

Master Pairs Relay - 1st place,

Pairs Relay Master Title and

Agility Dog Champion Title!

Popcorn:

qualifying legs in Novice Pairs
Relay both days with a 2nd and
3rd place

Windy City Agility Club 6/7 & 6/8

Licorice:

Veterans Titling - 1st place,

Veteran Agility Dog Title

Popcorn:

Novice Titling - 2nd place

Novice Snooker - 44 pts.

Novice Jumpers - 2nd place

Grand Prix of Dog Agility 7/10
& 7/11

Squiggles -

Masters Pairs Relay - 3rd place

Masters Snooker - 48 pts.

In the Grand Prix rounds Squiggles competed with over 300 dogs over a period of 3 days in the hot sun and made it to the finals to earn 4th place in the 18" division! This is Marietta's 6th year competing at the Gand Prix and Squiggles 3rd year in the finals. Each year the competition is tougher & tougher!

Simon Sez Agility 8/9 & 8/10

Squiggles - DAM Tournament

DAM Standard - 1st place

DAM Snooker - 3rd place

DAM Gamblers - 2nd place

DAM Jumpers - 2nd place

DAM Relay - 2nd place

Popcorn -

Novice Standard #1 - 3rd place

Novice Standard #2 - 3rd place -

Advanced Title

Novice Pairs - 3rd place

Novice Jumpers - 3rd place

NADAC AGILITY

Blitzen Canine Agility 6/21 & 6/22

Rainbow:

Elite Titling - qualified in 3 rounds

Elite Gamblers - qualified

Squiggles:

Elite Titling - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
placements

Elite Gamblers - 1st place

Elite Jumpers - 2nd, 3rd, 4th
placements

Popcorn:

Open Titling - Open Agility
Certificate Title

Fun on the Run 7/20

Squiggles -

Elite Titling - two 1st places

Elite Jumpers - 1st place

Popcorn -

Elite titling - 1st leg

AKC AGILITY

Paw's 4 Fun Agility 6/28 & 6/29

Rainbow -

Excellent - 100, 3rd place & 100
5th place

Jumpers - 100, 3rd place

Squiggles -

Jumpers - 100, 1st place

Popcorn -

Excellent - 89, 1st AX leg

Jumpers - 100, 2nd place

Blitzen Canine Agility 7/27

Squiggles:

Excellent - 100, 1st place

Agility Ability 8/16

Squiggles-

Excellent - 100, 1st place, High
Beagle, High Hound

Rainbow:

Excellent - 100

Popcorn:

Excellent - 100, 2nd leg, High
Lab, High Member of Agility
Ability

Legs & Brags (con't)

American Belgium Turvuren Club
- 9/7

Popcorn:

Excellent -100 NEW AX TITLE!

Popcorn earned his Junior Hunter Title (JH) as well. He earned legs 1 & 2 at Fox Valley Retriever Club on 7/26 & 7/27. He earned leg 3 at Badger Golden Retriever Club on 8/17. Leg 4 (and the JH title) was earned at Madison Retriever Club on 8/30 and he earned a fifth leg at Winnebago Labrador Retriever Club on 9/6.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Marietta and Squiggles will be representing the USA at the World Agility Championships!

Sharon Anderson, the AKC Agility Field Director, recently announced the team members that have been chosen to compete in Copenhagen, Denmark on Oct. 4-6. There will be 4 dogs and handlers on the 'standard' team competing at 26" and 4 dogs and handlers on the 'mini team' competing at 16". Squiggles' team mates will be 3 shelties. The standard team is comprised of 2 Border Collies, a Golden Retriever and a Belgian Malinois.

Good Luck to Marietta and the USA teams!

Bait Bag

(bat bag) n. A collection of tidbits.

IT'S RAFFLE TIME - DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations are needed for a raffle to be held on the day of the trial. Any donation - doggie related or not will be appreciated. Donations will be accepted up until the trial, but a deadline of the November membership meeting is requested. Georgia Fiorito has stepped forward to organize the raffle, so if you have any questions or need to submit your donation, please contact her at (847) 464-1322.

BAKE SALE - The traditional bake sale will be held during the trial. Sign-up sheets will be available at training.

STEWARDS NEEDED - See sign-up sheet at training or call Mike Kovacevich at (630) 365-2616. There is a high demand for non-showing experienced table stewards. We will need a total of 5 such people so as not to play musical table stewards.

Chiropractic Schedule

Dr. Hansen will be at training on the following days: 10/2, 10/30, 12/11. If you need an appointment you should call Dr. Hansen directly at (847) 551-1279.

HOROSCOPE

The Libra Dog September 23 - October 23

The Libra Dog is easygoing and sociable. Libra dogs are relaxed and at home at both extravagant soires and small intimate gatherings. They are happy moving among guests at the largest parties or curled up by the coffee table at high tea. The important thing for Libra dogs is to be out and about, among people, other dogs, anyplace social.

Libra dogs are laid back and happy. Not much excites them, except that little French poodle on the next block.

CLICK AND TREAT SEMINAR REVIEW

At the end of May this year I attended a Click and Treat seminar with Gary Wilkes. He has been a significant force in developing and publicizing this method of dog training. By profession Gary works individually with clients to shape and modify the behavior of their canines and writes and speaks to a national audience. Click and Treat has been developing over the last ten years as a result of the public demand for a gentler and more efficient method of dog

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training. It is the result of blending the rules of psychology with practical teaching techniques of marine mammal trainers. It is popular because it results in a performance based on trust and affection rather than force and compulsion.

I was able to experience these results when I was used in the "experiment" to teach a finish to a clicker conditioned dog. You are not allowed to speak to the dog initially. A clicker-conditioned dog will very likely begin offering you all kinds of behaviors. I have never seen a traditionally trained dog start a training session by sitting, downing, moving into heel position, etc. in an attempt to get the session started. Using the clicker to signal the end of the desired behavior, one gradually shapes the desired behavior. It wasn't long before we had a decent around finish without moving, saying anything, touching the dog or using a leash!

This method of shaping behavior does not preclude aversive reinforcement. This is the real world and our canines do have choices. It does certainly allow you the least amount of aversive control. A clicker trained dog offers you a great deal more latitude for teaching new behaviors and a dog who is eager to work for you and learn. I was amazed how much easier it could be to teach new behaviors. Gary Wilkes is an entertaining speaker and provides a well planned and easy to understand hands on seminar. He has several video tapes and speaks throughout the USA frequently. I encourage you to attend a seminar if you have the opportunity.

- Cindy Pakenas

Condolences

Our condolences to Cindy Rodeback on the loss of her Aussie, Bonnie.

From the Editor

This year over Labor day weekend we had a mini Thanksgiving. Phippen, Michelle Cufu's new leader dog puppy spent the weekend with us. By Monday, all my dogs (as well as myself) were thankful for something. Phippen is a (then) 4 month old bundle of energy - a typical Lab pup. He is the puppy who GoFer wanted to adopt when he was 6 weeks old. Now GoFer thinks he did not grow up to be the puppy she would have raised, and spent her time with him trying to mold him into her perfect puppy - which Phippen wasn't particularly interested in becoming. I don't know if she was thankful that he wasn't her puppy after all or smug that she was sure she could have done a better job.

Phippen did go on one adventure with GoFer when she flushed out a rabbit. The chase was on, all the other dogs began to run after the rabbit - and Phippen just began to run - after the other dogs, I think. He thought it was great fun, everyone wanted to play at once! When the rabbit escaped, the other dogs went on to other adventures, but GoFer kept looking for that rabbit, retracing and retracing it's path. Phippen happily followed her, not quite sure of what the game was, but happy that she was willing to let him play.

'Snap and India were thankful to see that someone respected their authority. Whenever Phippen bounded into a room where either 'Snapper or India were laying, all it took was one glance or low growl to send him scurrying in another direction. They seemed to have a smug expression that said "See, I am an alpha here - he knows it". (India's puppies have a tendency to take after their mom and require occasional reprimands.)

Holli was thankful that someone cared that she is bossy. Holli is

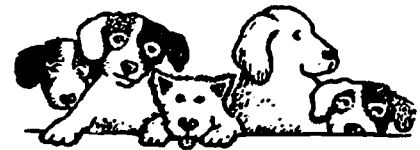
always complaining about something, and mostly all my dogs ignore her. They all know she is all noise and no substance. Phippen seemed to be impressed by all her chatter and actually tried to figure out what she was complaining about. Usually it was because he was doing something that bugged her. Like playing with a toy - or touching her.

Baker and Echo were like pigs in mud to have a playmate that was willing to play any game. Echo learned that when playing with Phippen that he had to hold his head up. This was so that Phippen's sharp puppy teeth could only reach his neck, not his lips or ears. It was a common site to see Phippen hanging from Echo's neck looking like a vampire bat. Echo was thankful for Baker (a first!) because when Echo was tired of playing with Phippen, Baker would take over.

Baker had the best 3 days of his life! Finally Baker met a dog who was truly his match. They both thought they were exactly the same size and had the same level of energy. Even though Phippen was 25 lbs. to Baker's 80 lbs. Baker found a friend who never got tired of playing and loved to play fetch, tug and wrestle for hours and hours on end. I actually timed one of their wrestling matches and it lasted for 3 hours. They would roll around and occasionally Phippen would jump onto the couch or some other tall object to get on Baker's back. Baker would often steal a toy Phippen wanted then climb on something higher than Phippen could reach and dangle the object just over Phippen's head. At one point Phippen stold a piece of masking tape, which he then somehow got wrapped around his head. Baker had great fun peeling the tape off him. They would fall asleep, exhausted, only to wake up a short time later and begin again.

Occasionally when Baker was still too tired, Echo would fill in.

Finally I was thankful for a couple reasons. I was able to get a "puppy fix" - like when Phippen, totally exhausted would want to curl up next to me for a nap. I had thought my boys would never stop getting into trouble. Phippen made me realize just how grown up Baker and Echo had become. I had forgotten all the trouble a small puppy can get into. I had also forgotten that they have no concept of the word "no" (or they don't care). I realized that my boys had indeed learned some of what I had been trying to teach them and that made me thankful - and a little sad. Phippen, I'm sure, was glad he spent those days with us. I'm not sure if he was equally glad to finally get to go home. Michelle was thankful to get her puppy back. Perhaps the only one who wasn't thankful was Heath, who after a peaceful weekend, had to contend with the return of Phippen!



UNITED KENNEL CLUB

This month I have included information on UKC obedience titles. In the following months I will include information on Agility, Conformation and Hunt Tests.

Obedience

Three obedience titles are awarded that are similar to the AKC titles: U-CD, U-CDX, and U-UD. In 1996, a fourth, competitive, title was recently added: the U-OCH.

In UKC the jump is the dog's height at the withers to a maximum of 24" (lower than the AKC's maximums). They also allow warmups on the grounds (including jumping), and some clubs will set up a ring specifically for warming your dog up.

Brown ribbons may be awarded for qualifying scores in obedience events.

Jump heights: minimum 8 inches to a maximum 24 inches. The height is set at even 2 inch increments. A dog 17 1/2 inches jumps 16 inch high. A dog must jump twice its shoulder height for the Broad Jump in one inch increments.

Novice U-CD

Honor	35 pts
(Long Down in opposite ring corner while other dog doing Heel on Leash)	
Heel on Leash and Figure 8	35
Stand for Exam	30
Heel off Leash	35
Recall over Jump	35
Long Sit (1 min)	30

	200

Open U-CDX

Honoring (out of sight)	30 pts
Heel Off Leash and Figure 8	40
Drop on Recall	30
Retrieve on Flat	20
Retrieve over	
High Jump	30
Broad Jump	20
Long Sit (3 min out of sight)	30

	200

On the Heel Off Leash the steward walks the same pattern as the handler/dog team. Also after the dog drops on the Drop on Recall the steward walks from the handler's side past the dog to the other side of the ring.

Utility U-UD

Signaling and Heeling	30
Scent Discrimination (metal)	30
Directed 'Marked' Retrieve (from handlers side)	30
Directed 'Signal' Retrieve (sent from handler, then directed)	30
Consecutive Recalls (one with and one without Down)	40
Directed Jumping	40

	200

Obedience Champion

In order to obtain this title, the dog must have a U-UD. It must qualify in BOTH Utility B and Open B classes at the same trial, with a combined score of 370 or better; at five trials. Finally, it must get 100 championship points by earning qualifying scores in either Open B, Utility B, or both (qualifying in both at the same trial is not necessary for championship points). A minimum of 30 championship points must be earned in Open B; and a minimum of 20 points in Utility B. Points are based on the score: 1 point for 170-174.5 up to 8 points for a 199-200.

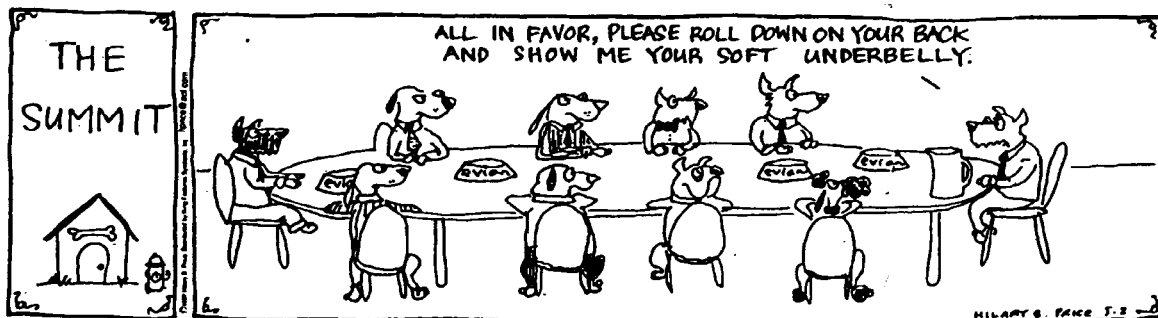
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



Fox Valley Dog Training Club Calendar of Events
Effective September 1, 1997

October	1	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	2	Thursday	Regular Training		
	9	Thursday	Regular Training		
	14	Tuesday	Regular Training	Graduation #4	
	23	Thursday	Correction Clinic	Start #5	
	24	Friday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	30	Thursday	Regular Training		
November	5	Wednesday			Membership Meeting
	6	Thursday	Regular Training		
	9	Sunday			Obedience Trial
	10	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	13	Thursday	Regular Training		
	18	Tuesday	Regular Training		
	25	Tuesday	Regular Training		NO Correction Clinic
December	3	Wednesday			Board Meeting
	4	Thursday	Regular Training		
	11	Thursday	Regular Training		
	15	Monday			Waggin' Tales Deadline
	18	Thursday	Regular Training		NO Correction Clinic
	23	Tuesday	Regular Training	Graduation #5	
	30	Tuesday	Christmas Party		

RHYMES WITH ORANGE



**Membership Meeting
Highlights
September 3, 1997**

Meeting brought to order at 7:50 p.m..

Carolyn Pearson (Secretary) read the July Meeting minutes. They were approved as read. Several items of correspondence were read. A brief discussion was held regarding the proposed AKC obedience regulation changes that was published in the most recent issue of the Waggin' Tales. The members present was asked if they saw a need to draft a letter from the club regarding any of the proposed changes. Wally O'Brien recommended that individuals write with their concerns, as that would carry more weight than a single letter from the club.

Cindy Pakenas (Second Vice-President) announced the program for the meeting (as was stated in the last Waggin' Tales) was a discussion regarding the definition of a "training member as it applied to club members who are applying for awards". Cindy briefly reviewed the technique that has been successfully used in a lot of situations, from large corporations with many employees to small groups of individuals with a task to accomplish. The technique is based on the premise that everyone from cleaning person to chairman of the board has a valuable opinion. All

opinions are sought - not just from the most assertive individual or the one with the loudest voice. Here is a brief description of the method as described:

- The large group will be broken down into randomly selected smaller groups. The benefit of the smaller groups is that it allows all members to voice their opinions.
- Each small group selects a spokesperson/recorder.
- The following ground-rules were defined prior to the small group discussion:
 - All ideas are recorded - no judgments are made during the brainstorming part of the discussion.
 - A time limit of 15 minutes will be set for the small group discussion.
 - No one may speak out of turn (i.e. person holding the 'talking ticket' is the only voice to be heard at the time).
 - Once all ideas have been recorded, a single definition must be reached by consensus of the small group

members, i.e. what definition can you "live with". If there is a part that you cannot live with, you will be asked how you would change the definition to allow you to be able to live with it.

- The definition determined by each small group is brought back to the large group by the spokesperson.
- Only those definitions are discussed by the large group during the next predefined time limit of 30 minutes.
- Again, a consensus is reached - majority does NOT rule.

Cindy explained that this definition is an issue because the definitions are not consistent in two locations. The front of the roster states that "Be listed as a training member in the club's roster." and the cover letter of awards application states "...and trained your dog at the club". These two definitions have caused confusion in the past when club members have applied for awards.

The members present were divided into eight small groups. After the time limit was reached (as usual we went over a little bit), the following ideas were posted in the front of the room. Cindy read each

one aloud to ensure that all of the club members would know what each group defined.

Before the discussion began, Sandy Stephenson stated the Glenbard obedience club defines their training member as a member who trains for 14 weeks.

Group 1 stated that a training member:

- was listed in the roster book as a training member
- did a portion of their training is done at Fox Valley Dog Training Club

Group 2 stated:

- must train your dog at FVDTC at least 12 times per year (calendar)
- special exceptions with board approval

Group 3 stated that:

- 50% of the time (minus match night) should train at FVDTC
- exceptions to be reviewed by the board

Group 4 stated that:

- Training of "the specific" dog for an individual title awards, minimum of 12 weeks per year.

The group spokesperson explained that "specific dog" meant that the dog that receives the award is the one that must be trained at the training building.

Group 5 stated that a training member, must train:

- A minimum of 20 weeks per year!

Group 6 stated:

- This member would be listed as a training member in the membership roster

Group 6 also felt that part of the confusion could be alleviated by changing the name to "Awards Eligible" member rather than "training" member.

Group 7 stated:

- Let it be as in roster (which states - Be listed as a training member in the club's roster.)

Group 8 stated that a training member must:

- Train your dog at FVDTC at least 12 time per year

During the ensuing discussion, Cheryl Lewis suggested that special exceptions continue to be reviewed by the board on an individual basis. It was stated that training your dog does not necessarily mean that a class must be attended. It would also include practicing in the practice rings. Wally O'Brien stated that the group he was in did not include match nights as a night of training. Joan Payne stated that she felt that if a member earned a work credit during the night, they should not also be allowed to include that

as a part of their "training night" requirements. Jan Schomer stated that when she works at a correction clinic, she does not consider her run-through as training her dog. Linda Benson reminded members that part of training is to practice your ring readiness by participating in a correction clinic.

After the discussion, the following proposals for the definition of a training member were written on the chalk board:

1. The member must train the award eligible dog at FVDTC at least 12 times per year not including correction clinics. Special exceptions would continue to be reviewed by the board.
2. The member must be listed as a training member in the membership roster. Special exceptions would continue to be reviewed by board. This member would be shown as an "Awards eligible training member" in the membership address book, but would not change their Type of Membership as it is defined in the by-laws.

After the proposals were written down, Georgia Fiorito made a motion that we accept the first proposal for purposes of voting for implementation of the awards eligibility. The motion was seconded by Michelle Richter. After more discussion, the motion was brought to a

vote and approved by 18 and opposed by 7, without any abstentions.

Cheryl Lewis made a motion that the proposed changes begin as of January 1, 1998. That motion was seconded by Anne White, approved by 15 and opposed by 3.

Heather King made a motion to accept the second proposal in addition to the first proposal. This motion was seconded by Wally O'Brien. During the discussion, Rick Cox suggested that the statement "Special exceptions would continue to be reviewed by the board" be removed from the second proposal due to redundancy to the first proposal. This motion was approved by 17 and opposed by 4, without any abstentions.

During the discussions that followed the voting, many members stated that they did not fully understand that the two proposal were to be considered TWO separate proposals. The second proposal was not intended to be an addendum to the first.

Cindy also asked the members whether there is enough interest in participating in an hour long demonstration at Taylor YMCA (Elgin's westside) for their fundraiser on Friday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m.. Georgia Fiorito stated that the demonstration is a part of the YMCA's open house.

This event is well advertised and is usually attended by all age groups, from pre-school through seniors. Cindy received a number of volunteers to create a committee to organize the event. This committee will make the arrangements to: move the equipment (including mats), set-up the equipment, organize the demonstration and actually perform the demonstration. Anyone else interested, should contact Cindy Pakenas at (630) 377-6250. She will act as the coordinator of the event until a committee chairperson is named.

Penny Legner (Treasurer) submitted the following report, which was read by Carolyn Pearson:

All requests for payment have been paid as of today. All checks have been deposited, with the exception of the package that was received yesterday from Carolyn Pearson. Penny reported that she had renewed our CD's: one for six months and the other for a year. This was done after a review of the records indicated that no additional funds will be needed until January, 1998 at the earliest.

Cheryl Lewis (Director of Training) stated the new class session had begun on August 14th. There are three Beginner's classes and two Puppy classes. Each class contains the maximum number of students allowed per class.

The students in one Beginner's class in session #3 were asked to complete our first Class Evaluation Survey. They were handed out the week before the graduation and asked for return on or before the graduation night. Most of the responses were positive, except for the noise level of the building. Updates will be made to the Class Evaluation Survey and ALL students in session #4 classes will be asked to complete them.

Cheryl reported that she will need instructors for session #5 that begins on October 23rd. Gerry Erskine has already been receiving class applications for new students.

Cheryl responded to a question regarding the lack of a utility class, that Mary Bradley will work with any level of utility training that the trainer requires. She does run-throughs as well as assisting students who have never trained a utility dog.

Judy Anderson (Membership Chairperson) submitted the following report, which was read by Carolyn Pearson:

Carolyn read the names of 8 new membership applications. Rick Cox made a motion to accept the list as read. The motion was seconded by Doris Kniep and approved by all members present.

A great deal of time was spent on updating membership roster prior to printing of the membership address book, to avoid a stream of immediate reinstatements. Judy reported that she contacted members who were late in returning their dues, as well as the new members from earlier in the year who had not sent in for the new year. Additionally, the members who opted to use the two method payment plan, but had not yet submitted the final payment were also contacted. Judy expected to bring the roster to the printer during the weekend of September 6th.

Monthly Dollar Bucket

The Winner of \$6.00 is Ed Herdes as drawn by Cindy Pakenas.

New Business

- Kay Weber reported that she had received questions from several people regarding the upcoming tracking tests. Jack Hlustik was not present to respond to those questions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45p.m..

NOTE from the Secretary: I forgot to read the following card that Penny received on August 29th acknowledging our donation.

From Paws with a Cause

RE: 1997 Paws Donation/In Memory of Cheryl Lynne Kiley

Dear Friends of PAWS:

On behalf of Paws With A Cause, we would like to thank you for your charitable contribution of \$50.00 in support of providing independence and dignity to people with disabilities in Illinois.

*Sincerely,
PAWS WITH A CAUSE*

"Signs You Have a Dumb Dog"

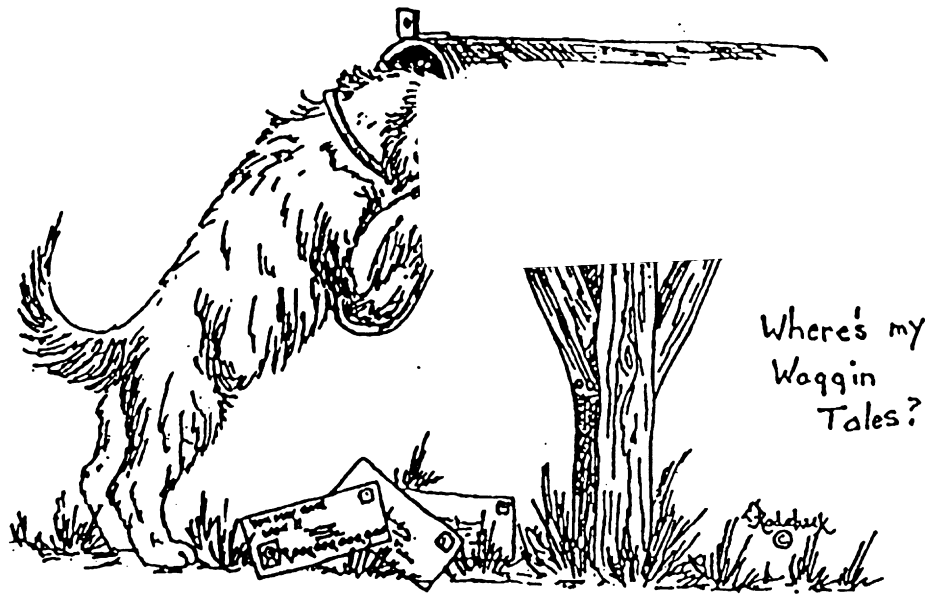
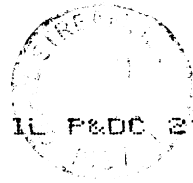
10. Lengthy pause after "Bow" while it tries to remember "Wow"
 9. Buries tail, wags bones
 8. When you give him Alpo, he just eats the meat by-products
 7. Despite the overwhelming evidence, still smokes two packs a day
 6. Showed up at the Whoopi Goldberg roast in catface
 5. Has suffered over two dozen concussions from toilet seat falling on his head
 4. Thinks "Snausages" is a real word
 3. Voted for Fred Grandy, Love Boat's gopher, because he really thought he'd be a good congressman
 2. Spends hours staring at kitchen cabinet, waiting for tiny horse-and-carriage to come out
 1. Constantly chasing people named "Katz"
- DAVID LETTERMAN

MUTTS



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Baker and Pippen (right) playing a favorite game